State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-eighth Legislature First Regular Session 2007

HOUSE BILL 2570

AN ACT

REPEALING LAWS 2002, CHAPTER 328, SECTION 26; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN VEHICLE LICENSE TAX MONIES FOR RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Repeal: reversion

- A. Laws 2002, chapter 328, section 26 is repealed.
- B. The monies deposited pursuant to Laws 2002, chapter 328, section 26 revert to the state highway fund.

Sec. 2. <u>Vehicle license tax: railroad right-of-way: planning: acquisition</u>

- A. Notwithstanding section 28-5808, subsection A, Arizona Revised Statutes, in fiscal year 2007-2008, the director of the department of transportation shall deposit six hundred fifty thousand dollars in a special account established by the department of administration for the purpose prescribed in subsection C of this section.
- B. The monies deposited pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be from the portion of monies distributed pursuant to section 28-5808, subsection A, Arizona Revised Statutes, that would be deposited in the state highway fund. The deposit of these monies in the special account shall not in any way impact distributions of vehicle license tax revenues to the state general fund and to cities, towns or counties pursuant to section 28-5808, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- C. On the approval of the state transportation board, the department of transportation shall use the monies from the special account for costs related to the study, planning and acquisition of a railroad right-of-way and railroad support infrastructure necessary to accommodate future freight or passenger rail service and to be in the best interest of this state.
- D. The department of transportation's study, planning and acquisition of the railroad right-of-way pursuant to subsection C of this section does not alter or impact any existing agreements or permits that have been entered into or obtained by utility companies located within the existing railroad right-of-way.
- E. The monies in the special account established pursuant to subsection A of this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

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